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**NEWS NOTES FROM  
THE COAST FILES**

The Mexican government has commissioned Lorenzo Boida, called an American soldier of fortune, to rid Sonora of Yaqui Indians.

John G. Woolley says that the drink habit is decreasing among the middle class, and increasing fast among the very rich and the very poor.

Julian Pavlinich, an Australian ship carpenter working in New York, killed his wife at her request rather than send her to an insane asylum.

A wealthy New York bachelor named Webber has demanded the hand of the Pope's sister in marriage, and the honor of his alliance has been declined.

Miss Mildred McKay, a student at Berkeley, was drowned in the surf at Santa Cruz, and a student companion, I. Edgar Elliot Chapman of Australia, is missing.

The town council of Nordhausen, Prussian Saxony, has passed an order forbidding women to drag the trains of their dresses in the street. It is called a sanitary ordinance.

A St. Petersburg magazine, Past Events, has created a sensation by publishing illustrated accounts of the killing of Alexander II., with glorifying histories of the assassins.

A man named Scherres, with his son, has been sentenced to life imprisonment in Switzerland for murder, and the man's dog, which assisted in the crime, has been sentenced to death.

The new constitution and by-laws of the Congregational Home Missionary Society provide for the election of a president and other officers by each state society in the organization.

Belle hunters have broken off and carried away two fingers and a thumb from the statue, "The Angel of Grief," which stands near the Stanford Mausoleum, in the University grounds.

The New York World charges that the express companies got \$300,000 of the money appropriated by Congress for the relief of San Francisco. The money was paid for carrying supplies.

An Imperial edict of the Peking government has appointed a Chinese superintendent of customs. If this is to replace Mr. Robert Hart, it is believed the foreign governments will protest the change.

The agreement of the President and the Senate on the rate bill, and the President's signing of Standard Oil have spoiled the game of Democracy, and that party must now make its fight on the tariff alone.

The College of France will probably show Mme. Curie to occupy the chair of physics, created for her husband two years ago. M. Curie died recently. The Curie man and wife, first gave radi-um to the world.

**COMMERCIAL**

BY DANIEL LOGAN.

Apprehensions of reflex injury to the local securities market from the San Francisco disaster are passing away. Since the break in bonds two weeks ago caused by the sale of a bunch from the Coast nothing to indicate a sacrifice of Hawaiian securities by holders there has occurred. On the contrary definite word by cable has come that dividend paying sugar stocks are held as strongly as ever. At all events there will be a settling of the situation after the San Francisco Stock Exchange reopens. According to a cablegram from E. Pollitz & Co. to Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., this will not be until the 25th inst., but James F. Morgan has called in reply to a query by Henry Armitage that it will be on the 23d. As the 23d is the date set for the reopening of the San Francisco banks, Morgan's message is probably the correct one. A New York dispatch of the 16th stated that E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, was forming a company to loan \$100,000,000 for starting the reconstruction of San Francisco. On this subject and having some bearing on the question heard discussed in Honolulu, as to what might happen to Hawaiian stocks and bonds from the disaster, the following extract from an autograph special by Henry Cleva, the eminent New York banker, is interesting.

"San Francisco will unquestionably be promptly rebuilt, and on a grander and more substantial scale than in the past. The opportunities of a growing commerce both at home and with the Orient are altogether too magnificent and enticing to be withheld. American enterprise will quickly come to the rescue, and San Francisco, like Chicago, Galveston and Baltimore and Boston, will ere long rise to a prouder position as a Pacific Coast city than ever before. On the Stock Exchange there was more or less recession in values, particularly among the Pacific railways and Pacific Coast securities. The fear that stocks may be freely and immediately sold by insurance companies to meet losses should not receive too serious consideration. Such losses are first paid gradually out of funds in bank or by means of temporary loans; insurance companies not being in the habit of sacrificing securities when it is better financing to borrow. Most of our insurance companies are strong and perfectly sound institutions, and no serious embarrassments to them are to be anticipated unless in one or two possible instances."

**THE WEEK'S TRANSACTIONS.**

Sales on the Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange for the week have been scant in number and small in size. Early in the week there was a drop in raw sugar from \$69.60 to \$68.40 a ton, the cargo of the Erskine M. Phelps arriving at Delaware Breakwater on Tuesday getting this price. Refined in New York was advanced ten cents a hundred on Thursday. Prices of sugar stocks here are but little changed. More is bid for Hawaiian Sugar Co. (Makaweli), also for Oahu and Onomom. The asking rate for Pepeekeo is higher, while that for Waiaina has fallen two dollars to \$59. Transactions were as follows: Ewa (\$20), 5 at \$22.75, 5, 5, 40 at \$23, 5 at \$22.87½; Kihai (\$50), 35 at \$3.50; Haw.

**.. LITTLE TALKS ..**

CHARLEY PETERSON—I gave La Paloma a month and am bragging some.

H. P. WOOD—Mrs. Weathered is true blue and is doing good work for the islands.

JOHN A. HUGHES—I am trying to make it interesting for the job-chasers as usual.

JOHN SMITH—Watch out and see the grand jury jump on a get-rich-quick scheme.

JOHN HUGHES—The Civic Federation is going to get right into the primaries this time.

JOHN LANE—No, my Sunday-school class has not affiliated with the evangelical movement yet.

L. L. MCANDLESS—I am not saying much. Let the planters and the business men do the talking.

JARED SMITH—Oh, yes, I believe it would be better to have a business man represent Hawaii in Congress.

W. W. HARRIS—The straight dope is that the emigration law is going to play a star part at the next session.

PADDY RYAN—If any man comes out of Missouri and says he isn't a train-robber, he will have to show me.

HARRY MURRAY—All the politicians are kicking about the changes in the precincts, mixing things up for the clubs.

SAM YO—Jap fishermen found big banks of ulua last week and fish has been plentiful at three pounds for fifteen cents.

JACK LUCAS—I told Sam Johnson to fix that road in the "Sucker country" before ever Schnack made a kick at all. T'll with him.

GEO. W. SMITH—The next time you try to write something funny about me, don't call me George Washington Smith. My name is G. Whiz.

MR. STENHOUSE—When I lose all my teeth and grow too old I am going to be a dancing master, but I don't believe I'll ever get too old to dance.

"DOC" MONSARRAT—No, John, you can't get me into your Sunday-school class. I can root on the side lines for a baseball or football game, but I'm no use in the political game.

GEORGE LYCURGUS—I don't see why Larry Dee should say that Gov. Carter had made me the present of a liquor license. I pay \$500 a year for a license the same as the rest of them.

JIM QUINN—I agree with you that the party should not be followed when it puts up bad men. But thieves and thugs who organize against the party have no right in it. And you know it, too.

WM. WILLIAMSON—San Francisco holders are not likely to sacrifice Hawaiian sugar stocks that are paying twelve and eighteen per cent. dividends. They can borrow money cheaper than raising it that way.

A. G. KANNEGEISER—It has a bad effect on the juryman to be scanned over by Chester Doyle, with his eyes rolling from end to end of the row, and then see him telling Deputy Attorney General Fleming which juryman to challenge.

AUDITOR BICKNELL—Well, I've heard there is a man who wants the nomination for County Auditor who tells the business men whom he buttonholes that I am not running for the office again. I wish to state that I am a candidate for re-election.

HENRY A. DAVIS—There are occasions on which people will feel dependent, but there is a community temperament that will bring things up again to a cheerful tone. The effects of the San Francisco disaster felt in Honolulu will soon pass over.

BEN ZABLAN—I was at that political Sunday school meeting last Sunday morning. Our talk was very general, very general indeed. It was principally about the Delegate, and the precinct chairmen and their duties. And the rules. But it was all in a general way.

W. W. GOODALE—I want to know what sort of a meeting it was that was held here in the Republican headquarters last Sunday morning. Down in the country we have to depend upon the newspapers. I would like some inside information about this Sunday school business.

LARRY DEE—These ministers say we retail destruction to patrons. Well, I can go down to one of these hardware stores and purchase powder and a number of things which will produce instant death. And I can go to a drugstore and purchase drugs which will do the same thing. I don't sell anything like that.

JONATHAN SHAW—It looks too hard to me that those five Koreans should be executed. The Koreans were brought here to work on the plantations and it appears these fellows, after the customs of their country, put a thief to torture for the purpose of making him divulge his booty. Only they carried the thing too far and killed the man.

M. BRASCH—I don't know about Saturday afternoon closing. Three years ago I closed up at the solicitation of a lady who said I shouldn't lose anything by it. The lady told me the only objections she had to meet were those of a competitor. Since then she has given him all her trade. It sort of discouraged me over the advantages of Saturday afternoon closing.

M. C. FAHNEGO—Speaking of the liquor traffic and religion, has it ever occurred to anyone that while we tolerate the almost unrestricted sale of liquor (you can obtain it every day in the week, Sunday included), the innocent game of baseball for gain, on Sunday, is not permitted because some people consider it a sacrilege? In the interest of civic virtue I believe we should have more baseball and pink lemonade and less alleged "safer" and "honest."

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Dividends were declared on the 15th as follows: Mutual Telephone Co., 1½ per cent.; Hawaiian Sugar Co., 1½ per cent.; Oahu Sugar Co., ½ per cent.; O. R. & L. Co., ½ per cent.; Pepeekeo, 1 per cent.

Harry Armitage has received the following San Francisco quotations by cable from Jas. F. Morgan, president of the Honolulu Exchange: H. C. & S. Co., \$80; Makaweli, \$32½; Honokaa, \$10½ asked, \$10 cash bid.

**PUBLIC MATTERS.**

A press cablegram of the 17th stated that the House Committee on Commerce had agreed to an appropriation of \$60,000 for a lighthouse on Makapuu Point, Oahu and \$40,000 for Honolulu harbor lights. Mail advices are that there are good prospects for the passage of Hawaiian measures at this session of Congress.

Director Jared G. Smith, of the U. S. Agricultural Experiment Station here, expresses good hopes of liberal appropriations at this session for the promotion of agriculture in Hawaii. Among these are \$5000 for waterworks at the station, an increase of \$2000 a year in the subsidy to the station, and provision for a soil survey of the Territory, the services of a plant pathologist and of a tobacco-raising expert.

Up to May 15 this year the taxes collected on the Island of Oahu amounted to nearly \$484,000.

An appeal by the Hawaiian Fertilizer Co., which has been admitted by the officials as well taken, apparently reveals the fact that the Territory has been unlawfully taxing imports of foreign merchandise in the original packages. The appeal was on goods valued at \$200,000, the tax on which would have been \$2000. Other importers of foreign merchandise cannot benefit by the discovery this year, having made no appeal within the statutory period.

While the Government has been wrestling with a difficulty of settling a colony of Molokans from Russia upon sugar lands at Kapaa, Kauai, the management of McBryde Sugar Co., on the same island, has been quietly preparing a scheme for domiciling its plantation labor. One hundred lots of five acres each are to be laid out as homesteads for the Portuguese laborers, the company to build houses for them and furnish them, besides, with pineapple plants to cultivate upon their plots.

**REAL ESTATE.**

There is nothing large being done in real estate, though home lots are passing steadily at fair prices. A good deal of house building is going on both in the city and in suburban tracts.

Fong Koon Chan has bought seven pieces of land in Dowsett lane for \$2000. Before Chinatown extended its borders into this locality, it was regarded as desirable for residence.

Among recorded conveyances are a deed from Alice E. Harrison and husband to H. G. Middleditch of Green street property for \$3735, a deed from Henry E. Cooper and wife to Frederick E. Steere of lots 1 to 9 (inclusive) in "Puupepe tract" for \$8000, a deed from the Bishop of Zeigum to L. L. McCandless of lands in Liliha street for \$5400, a deed from the Bishop of Zeigum to Ida E. von Holt of land in Puupei for \$1700, a deed from the Bishop of Zeigum to Olga E. Lecker of land in Liliha street for \$800, a deed from the Bishop of Zeigum to Helen C. Smith of land in Liliha street for \$460 and a deed from Wm. Stodart and wife to Arthur G. Stodart of lots in Luualilo street for \$3000.

**GENERAL ITEMS.**

At a meeting of the Farmers' Institute a week ago a committee was continued in office, to carry out its own recommendations for securing the co-operation of pineapple growers in marketing their fruit. Good results are expected from the movement, as the pineapple growers have suffered heavily in the Coast market for want of systematic handling of consignments. At the same meeting Mr. Weinrich read a paper urging the cultivation of a greater variety of fruit in the Territory.

Business men have had brought to their consideration the possibilities of Honolulu as a warehousing port. It is argued that the rebuilding of San Francisco will create a great opportunity for Honolulu to make of itself a shipping depot from which San Francisco can be furnished with supplies.

Broomers for Japanese labor for the Pacific Coast are reported to have been selling carpenters and painters of that nationality that they can command wages of \$10 to \$15 a day in San Francisco.

The Pacific Hardware Co. has acquired the sporting goods business of Woods & Sheldon and will specialize it as a department. Jess Woody goes with the business as manager.